## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ECONOMIC FORECAST

San Luis Obispo County is located on the central coast of California, north of Santa Barbara County. It is one of the principal regions for California's wine industry. The county has a population of 278,900 people and a total of 119,100 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income is \$52,499 and the average salary per worker is \$54.523.

The principal employment clusters in San Luis Obispo County are retail trade, leisure services, education and healthcare services, and government. However, with 23,900 jobs, the public sector dominates all other industries. This is primarily because the county has several large state institutions, including Cal Poly State University, Cuesta College, Atascadero State Hospital, the California Men's Colony, and the California Youth Authority.

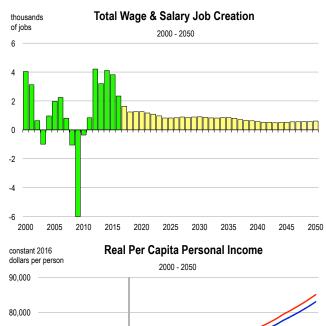
Across Southern California, employment increased by 2.6 percent in 2016. In San Luis Obispo County, a total of 2,300 jobs were created, representing a growth rate of 2.0 percent. The unemployment rate improved during the year, falling from 4.7 percent in 2015 to 4.3 percent in 2016.

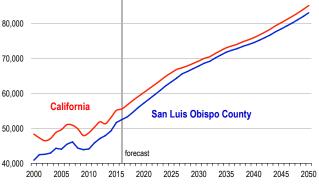
In 2016, job growth was spread across a number of industries. The largest employment gains were observed in leisure and hospitality (+900 jobs), healthcare and education (+470 jobs), construction (+440 jobs), government (+280 jobs), wholesale and retail trade (+280 jobs), and professional and business services (+260 jobs). The largest losses were in information (-130 jobs), agriculture (-120 jobs), financial activities (-90 jobs), and manufacturing (-80 jobs).

From 2011 to 2016, the population of San Luis Obispo County increased by 0.6 percent per year. This was largely due to in-migration, as the natural increase (new births) was low. Because the county has an older resident base, the birth rate is low, and most future population growth will be the result of in-migration.

## FORECAST HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2017, total employment is expected to increase by 2.4 percent. From 2017 to 2022, growth is expected to average 1.0 percent per year.
- Average salaries are currently well below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast horizon. In San Luis Obispo County, inflation-adjusted salaries will rise by an average of 1.8 percent per year between 2017 and 2022.
- The leisure services, wholesale and retail trade, education and healthcare, and government sectors will exhibit the strongest job growth between 2017 and 2022. Together, these sectors will account for 76 percent of net job creation in the county.
- Population growth will remain slow, with growth averaging 0.4 percent per year between 2017 and 2022.

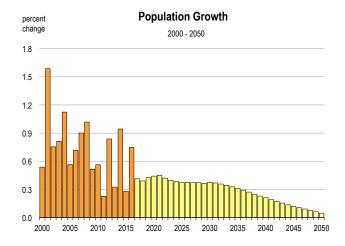


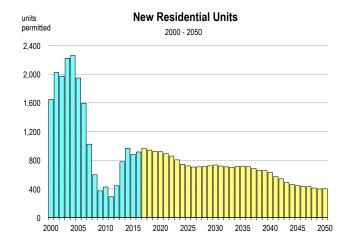


- Between 2017 and 2022, an average of 1,000 net migrants will enter the county each year, accounting for 85 percent of total population growth.
- Real income per capita will rise by 1.4 percent in 2017. Over the 2017-2022 period, growth will average 1.0 percent per year.
- Total taxable sales, adjusted for inflation, are expected to increase by an average of 2.4 percent per year over the 2017-2022 period.
- Industrial production will increase by 3.0 percent in 2017. From 2017 to 2022, the growth rate of industrial production will average 2.2 percent per year.
- Farm production is expected to increase by 0.7 percent per year between 2017 and 2022. The principal crops in the county are strawberries and wine grapes.

# San Luis Obispo County Economic Forecast 2010-2016 History, 2017-2050 Forecast

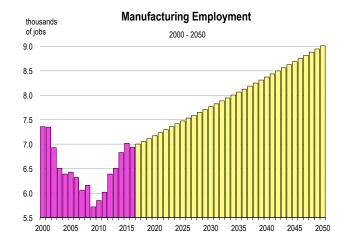
	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (billions)	Personal Income (billions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Inflation Rate (% change in CPI)	Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (millions)	Unemploy- ment Rate (percent)
2010	269,732	742	286	102.0	427	\$3.61	\$10.78	\$44,092	1.2	786.5	1,793	10.1
2011	270,344	1,107	286	102.2	293	\$4.02	\$11.53	\$45,819	2.7	791.2	1,747	9.6
2012	272,608	248	284	102.5	446	\$5.03	\$12.18	\$47,067	2.0	907.7	1,897	8.3
2013	273,494	1,898	293	102.5	778	\$5.02	\$12.58	\$47,924	1.1	1001.0	2,011	6.8
2014	276,075	523	298	103.0	967	\$5.25	\$13.21	\$49,202	1.4	928.4	2,133	5.6
2015	276,844	2,350	304	103.5	880	\$4.94	\$14.03	\$51,649	0.9	844.4	2,223	4.7
2016	278,917	542	311	104.0	915	\$5.04	\$14.64	\$52,499	1.9	795.6	2,256	4.3
2017	280,070	908	314	104.8	968	\$5.19	\$15.34	\$53,253	2.5	8.008	2,323	3.8
2018	281,164	875	317	105.7	942	\$5.44	\$16.20	\$54,560	2.7	806.8	2,363	3.6
2019	282,362	994	321	106.5	926	\$5.74	\$17.15	\$55,965	2.8	812.1	2,406	3.4
2020	283,610	1,063	324	107.3	919	\$6.06	\$18.09	\$57,204	2.9	818.4	2,464	3.5
2021	284,890	1,108	327	108.1	892	\$6.37	\$19.07	\$58,407	2.8	824.6	2,519	3.6
2022	286,089	1,045	329	108.9	859	\$6.68	\$20.07	\$59,615	3.0	831.1	2,585	3.7
2023	287,221	999	332	109.7	805	\$7.00	\$21.11	\$60,872	2.6	837.6	2,659	3.9
2024	288,322	987	334	110.4	743	\$7.33	\$22.17	\$62,160	2.5	844.2	2,730	4.0
2025	289,396	982	336	111.1	721	\$7.70	\$23.17	\$63,264	2.4	850.9	2,795	4.1
2026	290,482	1,013	338	111.8	706	\$8.06	\$24.19	\$64,355	2.3	857.6	2,857	4.1
2027	291,565	1,032	340	112.4	708	\$8.43	\$25.28	\$65,583	2.5	864.3	2,931	4.2
2028	292,649	1,055	342	113.0	711	\$8.80	\$26.28	\$66,280	2.7	871.2	3,013	4.2
2029	293,715	1,059	344	113.7	722	\$9.14	\$27.28	\$67,041	2.3	878.1	3,100	4.2
2030	294,819	1,113	347	114.3	734	\$9.50	\$28.29	\$67,809	2.1	885.1	3,190	4.2
2031	295,907	1,115	349	114.9	719	\$9.89	\$29.32	\$68,593	2.0	892.2	3,283	4.2
2032	296,966	1,106	351	115.6	708	\$10.32	\$30.34	\$69,164	2.1	899.3	3,379	4.2
2033	297,987	1,088	353	116.2	702	\$10.72	\$31.43	\$70,086	2.2	906.6	3,478	4.2
2034	298,964	1,071	355	116.8	714	\$11.17	\$32.58	\$70,938	2.3	913.9	3,579	4.2
2035	299,899	1,058	357	117.4	718	\$11.62	\$33.78	\$71,765	2.4	921.3	3,684	4.2
2036	300,777	1,032	359	118.1	711	\$12.09	\$35.01	\$72,306	2.3	928.8	3,792	4.2
2037	301,595	996	361	118.7	683	\$12.53	\$36.28	\$72,782	2.2	936.4	3,904	4.2
2038	302,349	949	362	119.3	662	\$12.96	\$37.59	\$73,419	2.1	944.1	4,019	4.2
2039	303,043	909	364	119.9	653	\$13.41	\$38.96	\$73,935	2.1	951.8	4,137	4.2
2040	303,685	875	365	120.5	628	\$13.85	\$40.34	\$74,491	2.3	959.7	4,259	4.2
2041	304,265	838	367	121.0	570	\$14.29	\$41.75	\$75,160	2.5	967.7	4,385	4.2
2042	304,785	801	368	121.6	540	\$14.74	\$43.19	\$75,896	2.3	975.7	4,515	4.2
2043	305,256	775	369	122.0	488	\$15.20	\$44.65	\$76,683	2.3	983.9	4,649	4.2
2044	305,671	744	370	122.5	462	\$15.66	\$46.14	\$77,610	2.2	992.1	4,788	4.2
2045	306,040	722	372	122.9	446	\$16.15	\$47.67	\$78,395	2.1	1000.5	4,930	4.2
2046	306,363	701	373	123.3	437	\$16.64	\$49.24	\$79,240	2.2	1009.0	5,077	4.2
2047	306,644	683	374	123.7	432	\$17.13	\$50.84	\$80,095	2.3	1017.5	5,228	4.2
2048	306,879	661	376	124.1	412	\$17.65	\$52.53	\$81,010	2.3	1026.2	5,385	4.2
2049	307,070	642	377	124.5	399	\$18.18	\$54.28	\$81,971	2.4	1035.0	5,546	4.2
2050	307,214	621	379	124.8	403	\$18.73	\$56.12	\$82,993	2.5	1044.0	5,712	4.2

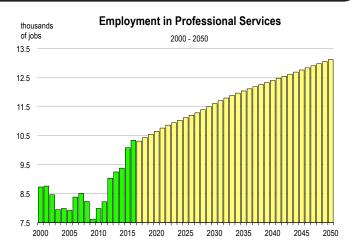


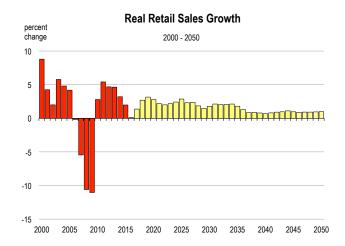


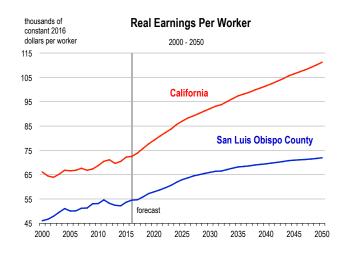
## San Luis Obispo County Employment Forecast 2010-2016 History, 2017-2050 Forecast

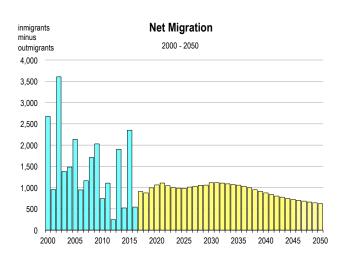
	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Construction	turing	Transportation & Utilities	Retail Trade	Activities	Services	Information	Health & Education		Government
	employment (thousands of jobs)											
2010	100.5	4.7	4.9	5.9	3.6	15.6	3.9	8.0	1.2	12.6	14.8	20.9
2011	101.4	4.7	5.1	6.0	3.5	15.9	4.0	8.2	1.1	12.7	14.9	20.6
2012	105.6	5.1	5.5	6.4	3.8	16.3	4.1	9.0	1.2	13.0	15.7	20.7
2013	108.8	4.5	6.1	6.5	4.0	16.5	4.1	9.3	1.4	14.0	16.2	21.5
2014	112.9	4.7	6.4	6.8	4.0	16.6	4.1	9.4	1.4	14.5	16.8	22.9
2015	116.7	5.0	6.7	7.0	4.0	16.7	4.2	10.1	1.5	14.6	17.6	23.6
2016	119.1	4.9	7.2	6.9	4.1	17.0	4.1	10.3	1.4	15.0	18.5	23.9
2017	120.7	4.9	7.4	7.0	4.1	17.0	4.2	10.3	1.4	15.2	18.9	24.5
2018	121.9	4.9	7.5	7.1	4.2	17.2	4.1	10.4	1.4	15.3	19.0	24.9
2019	123.2	4.8	7.6	7.1	4.2	17.4	4.1	10.5	1.4	15.5	19.3	25.3
2020	124.4	4.8	7.6	7.2	4.2	17.7	4.2	10.6	1.4	15.7	19.6	25.5
2021	125.6	4.9	7.6	7.2	4.2	17.9	4.2	10.8	1.4	15.8	19.9	25.7
2022	126.7	4.9	7.6	7.3	4.2	18.1	4.2	10.9	1.4	16.0	20.2	25.9
2023	127.7	4.9	7.5	7.4	4.2	18.2	4.2	10.9	1.5	16.1	20.6	26.1
2024	128.5	5.0	7.4	7.4	4.2	18.4	4.2	11.0	1.5	16.3	20.8	26.2
2025	129.3	5.0	7.3	7.5	4.2	18.7	4.2	11.1	1.5	16.5	20.9	26.4
2026	130.1	5.0	7.2	7.5	4.2	18.9	4.2	11.2	1.5	16.7	21.0	26.5
2027	131.0	5.1	7.2	7.6	4.2	19.1	4.2	11.3	1.5	16.9	21.2	26.7
2028	131.9	5.1	7.2	7.7	4.2	19.2	4.2	11.4	1.5	17.1	21.3	26.8
2029	132.8	5.1	7.2	7.7	4.2	19.4	4.2	11.5	1.5	17.3	21.5	26.9
2030	133.7	5.2	7.2	7.8	4.2	19.5	4.2	11.6	1.6	17.4	21.7	27.0
2031	134.5	5.2	7.2	7.8	4.2	19.7	4.2	11.7	1.6	17.6	21.8	27.1
2032	135.4	5.2	7.2	7.9	4.2	19.9	4.2	11.8	1.6	17.8	22.0	27.2
2033	136.2	5.3	7.2	7.9	4.2	20.0	4.2	11.9	1.6	17.9	22.2	27.3
2034	137.0	5.3	7.2	8.0	4.2	20.2	4.2	12.0	1.6	18.0	22.4	27.4
2035	137.9	5.3	7.2	8.1	4.2	20.4	4.2	12.0	1.6	18.2	22.6	27.5
2036	138.7	5.4	7.2	8.1	4.2	20.5	4.2	12.1	1.6	18.4	22.8	27.6
2037	139.4	5.4	7.2	8.2	4.2	20.6	4.2	12.2	1.6	18.5	23.0	27.7
2038	140.1	5.5	7.2	8.2	4.2	20.7	4.2	12.3	1.6	18.6	23.2	27.8
2039	140.7	5.5	7.1	8.3	4.2	20.8	4.2	12.3	1.7	18.7	23.4	27.9
2040	141.3	5.5	7.1	8.4	4.3	20.9	4.2	12.4	1.7	18.7	23.6	28.0
2041	141.8	5.6	7.0	8.4	4.3	20.9	4.2	12.5	1.7	18.8	23.8	28.1
2042	142.3	5.6	6.8	8.5	4.3	21.0	4.2	12.5	1.7	18.8	24.0	28.2
2043	142.8	5.6	6.7	8.6	4.3	21.1	4.2	12.6	1.7	18.9	24.3	28.3
2044	143.3	5.7	6.6	8.6	4.3	21.2	4.2	12.7	1.7	18.9	24.5	28.4
2045	143.8	5.7	6.4	8.7	4.3	21.3	4.2	12.8	1.7	19.0	24.7	28.5
2046	144.4	5.8	6.4	8.8	4.3	21.4	4.2	12.8	1.7	19.0	24.9	28.6
2047	144.9	5.8	6.3	8.8	4.3	21.4	4.2	12.9	1.7	19.0	25.1	28.7
2048	145.5	5.9	6.2	8.9	4.3	21.5	4.2	13.0	1.8	19.1	25.3	28.8
2049	146.1	5.9	6.2	8.9	4.3	21.6	4.2	13.1	1.8	19.1	25.6	28.9
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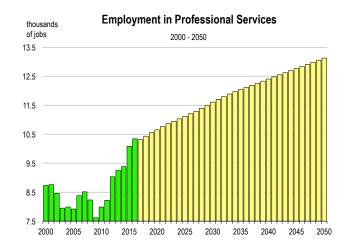












## **County Economic and Demographic Indicators**

### Projected Economic Growth (2017-2022)

Expected retail sales growth:	13.4%
Expected job growth:	5.0%
Fastest growing jobs sector:	Leisure Services
Expected personal income growth:	14.4%

Expected population growth:	2.2%
Net migration to account for:	84.5%
Expected growth in number of vehicles:	4.8%

### **Demographics (2017)**

Unemployment rate (April 2017):	3.3%
County rank* in California (58 counties):	6th
Working age (16-64) population:	65.1%

Population with B.A. or higher:	32.9%
Median home selling price (2016):	\$510,000
Median household Income:	\$65,790

#### **Quality of Life**

Violent crime rate (2015):	284 per	<u>100,000 persons</u>
County rank* in California (58	counties):	17th
Average commute time to work	(2017):	23 minutes

High School drop out rate (2016):	4.3%
Households at/below poverty line (2017):	7.5%

<sup>\*</sup> The county ranked 1st corresponds to the lowest rate in California